

APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert before the first line in the specification:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/823,765 filed April 3, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph 8, line 13 on page 7 with the following new line:

Figure ~~44~~10d is a side view of a rotating quill design with the hinge located below the quill.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 12 with the following new paragraph:

Figure ~~44~~10d shows the entire hinge mechanism set below and attached to the bottom section 45. Again the protrusions and slots would be optional.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 6 is canceled.

The claims are amended as follows:

2. (Amended) A steering assembly of claim 1, further comprising a stem section having a clamping device which is adjusted in height, wherein the steerer tube is fixed onto said stem section by said clamping device.

3. (Amended) A steering assembly for a wheeled vehicle comprising: a handlebar and a stem supporting said handlebar a steerer tube into which said stem is inserted, wherein the stem assembly ~~has~~ includes an internal hinge which, when said internal hinge is raised above the steerer tube, allows the stem to rotate axially and then fold down with said handlebar for storage.

4. (Amended) A steering assembly of claim 1 wherein the steerer tube comprises at least one internal ~~protrusions~~ protrusion which fits into a longitudinal channel in the stem and does not allow the stem to rotate axially.

6. (Amended) A steering assembly for a wheeled vehicle comprising: a handlebar and a stem supporting said handlebar, a steerer tube into which said stem is inserted, wherein the stem and handlebar assembly is moveable to be lifted, said stem rotated concentrically in the steerer tube, and then folded down with said handlebar for storage.

7. (Amended) A steering assembly for a wheeled vehicle comprising; a handlebar, a stem supporting said handlebar, a steerer tube into which said stem is inserted, wherein the stem and handlebar assembly is moveable to be lifted, folded down, and then rotated concentrically in the steerer tube.

11. (Amended) A steering assembly of claim 1, further comprising a manual clamping device on said steerer tube; wherein the steerer tube ~~in~~ is fixed ~~onto a~~ to stem using a said manually operated clamping device and whereby said stem is adjustable in height.

17. (Amended) A steering assembly of claim 3, further comprising; a clamping device attached to said stem, internal protrusions on a portion of said clamping device below the internal hinge, wherein said stem is restrained from existing the steerer tube by said internal protrusions on the clamping device.